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ANTIBODY PREPARATION

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (without a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)) after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office (Supplementary European Search Report in EP 04773700 dated August 21, 2008) in a counterpart application citing such documents. Further, an English language abstract is submitted herewith for Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 62-244441. The Japanese 62-244441 publication the use of glycine for heating an antibody-immobilized carrier, however the Japanese 62-244441 publication neither discloses nor suggests the claimed solution-type antibody preparation at claimed, wherein an antibody and an effective amount of glycine and citric acid suppress formation of a soluble solution, a chemically degraded product, and an insoluble aggregate of the antibody.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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